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H.B. No. 2929

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to continuing education and training requirements for  
3 classroom teachers and public school counselors.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 21.054(d), Education Code, as amended by  
6 Chapters 1045 (S.B. 1267) and 973 (S.B. 2066), Acts of the 87th  
7 Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, is reenacted and amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 (d) Subject to Subsection (d-2), continuing [~~Continuing~~]  
10 education requirements for a classroom teacher may not require  
11 [~~must provide~~] that [~~not~~] more than 25 percent of the training  
12 required every five years include instruction regarding:

13 (1) collecting and analyzing information that will  
14 improve effectiveness in the classroom;

15 (2) recognizing early warning indicators that a  
16 student may be at risk of dropping out of school;

17 (3) digital learning, digital teaching, and  
18 integrating technology into classroom instruction;

19 (4) educating diverse student populations, including:

20 (A) students who are educationally  
21 disadvantaged; and

22 (B) students at risk of dropping out of school;

23 and

24 (5) understanding appropriate relationships,

1 boundaries, and communications between educators and students.

2 SECTION 2. Section 21.054, Education Code, is amended by  
3 adding Subsection (d-2) and amending Subsection (f) to read as  
4 follows:

5 (d-2) Training in a topic of instruction described by  
6 Subsection (d) attended by a classroom teacher in excess of an  
7 amount of hours equal to 25 percent of the training required of the  
8 teacher every five years shall be counted toward the teacher's  
9 overall training requirements.

10 (f) Continuing education requirements for a counselor must  
11 provide that at least ~~[not more than]~~ 25 percent of training  
12 required every five years include instruction regarding:

13 (1) assisting students in developing high school  
14 graduation plans;

15 (2) implementing dropout prevention strategies;

16 (3) informing students concerning:

17 (A) college admissions, including college  
18 financial aid resources and application procedures; and

19 (B) career opportunities;

20 (4) counseling students concerning mental health  
21 conditions and substance abuse, including through the use of  
22 grief-informed and trauma-informed interventions and crisis  
23 management and suicide prevention strategies; and

24 (5) effective implementation of a comprehensive  
25 school counseling program under Section 33.005.

26 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024  
27 school year.

1           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.